

## The Bloomfield Record.

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### A Sidewalk Complaint.

EDITOR OF BLOOMFIELD RECORD:

Is there no way of compelling the Trustees of the Baptist Church to put their whole extent of walk in at least tolerable walking condition? They might surely hire a man to use their large pile of ashes in such a way, and it hardly seems right or just to force such an infliction on the public as that of their walk in the present almost impassable state. The corner itself, with its suddenly steep descent, is, in muddy weather, absolutely dangerous. Would there be any use in sending in a complaint to the Town Committee? Certainly there must be some means of self-defense available to those who are at present obliged to submit to such a gross imposition several times a day.

### One of Many Suverers.

Under our Sidewalk Law, the people residing in each district are notified to meet every year, within a month after the annual town election, to vote money for the purpose of sidewalk grading. At the meetings duly called for this purpose last year not one cent for sidewalk grading was voted to be raised. So long as this spirit prevails in the various districts, it is useless for individuals to complain of "steep descents" or "dangerous walks." Like the above correspondent, we occasionally find judgment at the condition of our roads and sidewalks, but find it is of little use to argue private owners or corporations for a state of affairs which the village community is mostly responsible for.

A great many persons are disposed to censure the Town Committees, thinking they are clothed with arbitrary powers, and are negligent of their duties in not supplying the town with proper roads and sidewalks. The Town Committee have almost no power whatever. They can only carry out the wishes of the people. The latter have declared unmistakably against street improvements, by declining to vote money for them.

Under such circumstances, until the sovereign people take hold and indicate collectively what they wish to have done, it will be useless for individuals to complain, except that good may result from awaking public sentiment and thereby bringing about a concert of action in the right direction.

### Women's Department in the Centennial.

Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, Chairman of the Women's Centennial Executive Committee of the National Exhibition, publishes a communication respectively and earnestly soliciting the good-will of the American press, and seeking to obtain from every possible source information concerning the various forms of religious, philanthropic and patriotic work, organized or conducted by women in America, and in foreign countries.

Managers of Homes, Asylums, ladies interested in Missions, the Temperance cause, and all other forms of good work are urgently invited to correspond with Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, No. 1516 Pine street, Philadelphia.

The Committee hope by the present movement to draw into fellowship many of the foremost women of the country to take part in the Women's Department, that there meeting and working together, to celebrate the hundredth birthday of our beloved and glorious America, they may gain new strength, and love to continue women's work.

There are many who believe that women's work and sphere is only to bear and nurse children, and make tea and toast. We regard her as the equal of man and entitled by a code that existed before all written laws, to equal rights and privileges. Left to the guidance of her own refined instincts, she is far less liable to err in her conclusions than man with all his boasted judgment. In her moral being, the atmosphere she breathes is redolent with the spirit of justice and kindness. And if ever the world is completely civilized and humanized, it will be largely through woman's heart and woman's work.

### Tax Arrears, 1874.

As may be seen by reference to the Town Committee proceedings, the town is threatened with a suit in relation to the unpaid Bloomfield avenue assessment. The town is at present unable to meet this demand on account of the large amount of taxes of 1874 yet remaining unpaid. To avert this threatened suit, measures are to be taken at once to advertise and sell the real estate upon which arrears have accumulated, in order to realize money to meet these and other demands against the town. This is seemingly a harsh procedure, but the rights of the township at large, in this exigency, as well as justice to individual taxpayers who have paid their assessments, demand that these back taxes should be collected.

The house of the Rev. W. E. Knox, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Elkins, N. Y., was entered by burglars on Sunday evening last, while he and his family were at church. Several hundred dollars in gold and silver were taken. There is no trace of the thieves.

### Town Committee Proceedings.

The regular meeting of the Township was held Friday evening, Jan. 28th.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Assessor to apportion the taxes of 1874 and 1875 upon the property of the Wateressing Land Co., and W. W. Walton in order to ascertain the amount chargeable to respective owners.

The Clerk was requested to give Collector Campbell credit for \$2,729.40, bearing the amount of Township warrants paid by him and returned.

A Committee appointed to examine the Collector's books, together with the descriptions of property contained in the Assessor's Duplicate of 1874 to see what the extent of the taxes upon the same remain unpaid, made a report. They found there were about 100 descriptions of property on which the taxes remained unpaid. The Committee decided to take legal measures for advertising and selling the same in order to realize the same.

A communication was read from J. W. Taylor, Esq., addressed to Collector Campbell, demanding payment of the assessment against the township for constructing Bloomfield avenue, and stating that prosecution would be commenced to recover the amount unless the matter was soon attended to.

A resolution was passed referring to Town Counsel Wilde the matter of collecting the unpaid taxes of 1874, and of disbursing the same.

A resolution was also adopted authorizing the Town Counsel to look into the law concerning the time of holding the annual town election with a view to change the time from the 2d Monday of March to the 2d Monday of April.

### Overrunning Appropriations.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature prohibiting township and other bodies from exceeding their appropriations. This would no doubt prove a wise measure, but there should be allowance made, in some way, for an emergency, such as arose in this township the past year. A very small appropriation was voted for repairs of roads, on account of several severe rainstorms which damaged some streets to a great extent. Repairs were needed in order to bring the roads in condition to be safely used. The authorities were therefore obliged to exceed the appropriations to a considerable amount. The money used was that voted a previous year for use upon the roads, though with an understanding that it was not to be used except for a certain other purpose.

It is wise to restrict Township Committees, and other boards in the use of money, as above, and thereby prevent prodigal expenditures. But unless people are more given to liberality in making appropriations than they are in this town, considerable inconvenience and embarrassment would be likely to arise in cases of emergency, without some legal way of providing against them.

### One More Unfortunate.

Two weeks ago the peculiarly sad case of Margaret Douglass was noted in this paper. After her removal to Montclair, she received the best of medical attendance, as well as the utmost care that Christian sympathy and charity could bestow, but death came to her relief on Monday last. She died of inflammation of the lungs and other vital organs, induced by the neglect and exposure which fell to her lot during the first few hours of her extreme anguish among strangers in this village. It is due to the people of Bloomfield to say that few knew of this poor girl's tribulation until after she had been removed from the place, or she would have been properly and humanely cared for. Her last days were devoted to repentance and forgiveness of the cruel wrongs she had suffered. The kind ministrations of Rev. Dr. Berry, of Montclair, were gratefully appreciated, and he discovered in Margaret Douglass a mind that was remarkable in its spirituality, and found that she possessed a Bible knowledge attained by few in the ordinary walks of life. Her funeral, which took place in the Lecture Room of the Montclair Presbyterian Church, was very impressive and affecting. She had been a member of a Presbyterian church in her native place, in Ireland, though she was of Scotch parentage, and these facts, with her later sad history coming to the knowledge of kindly-disposed people in Montclair, great sympathy was created for her in her last hours. Dr. Berry, who officiated at the funeral, spoke very touchingly from the words, "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." The burial was in Bloomfield Cemetery.

Efforts are being made to care for the infant twins left by this unfortunate girl. Her prayers were frequently uttered in their behalf, with all of a true mother's solicitude.

General John Jay Knox of Knoboro, N. Y. died on Monday night, aged 85 years. His sons are Rev. C. E. Knox, D. D., President of the German Theological Seminary, Rev. W. E. Knox, D. D., of Elkins, and Hon. John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency of the U. S. General Knox was a President in two occasions and was for thirty years President of the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College, to which he was elected in 1826.

The Reading to be given by Prof. Fethers before the Teachers' Association on Saturday afternoon will occur soon after three o'clock, thus enabling gentlemen who leave New York at two to be present. Prof. Fethers has a high reputation as a reader.

### Essex County Teachers' Association.

The next meeting of the Essex County Teachers' Association will be held in Bloomfield, commencing on Friday evening, Feb. 4th and continuing during Saturday, Feb. 5th.

The following programme has been arranged:

FRIDAY EVENING, IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At which, an Address will be given by Rev. B. G. Norcross, Secretary of the Connecticut State Board of Education. Subject—"The New Europe, and its Lesson for us.

SATURDAY, IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

(Morning Session, commencing at ten o'clock.)

1. Opening Exercises.

2. Address by Mrs. S. T. Clark, Principal of the South Orange Academy. Subject—"Declamation and Gesture."

3. Address by Mr. J. T. Clark, Principal of the South Orange Academy. Subject—"Declamation and Gesture."

4. "How I Teach Drawing to Little Children," by Miss H. Anna Baird of Bloomfield.

(Afternoon Session, commencing at two o'clock.)

1. Miscellaneous Business.

2. Address by Mrs. Davis. Subject—"New Jersey at the Centennial."

3. Arithmetical Conversation. Subject—"How we Teach Number."

4. "Elementary Exercises." By Prof. O. H. Fetter, of the St. Louis University.

All the topics presented will be as freely discussed as time will permit.

Teachers in public and private schools, school officers, parents of the pupils in our schools, and all others interested in educational matters, are cordially invited to be present, and join in the exercises.

### Per ORDER of EX. COMMITTEE.

For the Bloomfield Record.

### A New Society in Bloomfield.

When D. L. Moody was in England some years ago he was introduced to a merchant from Dublin who, as he took him by the hand said to his friend, "Is this young man all O. O?" The reply was "What do you mean by O. O?" Said the Dublin man, "Is he Out-and-Out for Christ?" Mr. Moody says that question was something in the nature that impelled him to take him by the hand and ask him if he loved the Saviour. To his astonishment he replied, while the saint stood in his eyes, "No, but I am anxious about my soul and prayed God this morning to lead some Christian to speak to me, and I wish you would lead me to Him." "I bring Him to you now," was his reply. "Take Him in!" Then and there on Broadway he accepted Christ and went on his way rejoicing.

Now we have a new member, Moody and Sankey, begin their labors at the Hippodrome in New York and for the next two or three months there will be many prayers and much effort for the conversion of souls in that city; and there is no doubt that an unusual interest in the subject of religion. What we want in Bloomfield at once are earnest workers of the "Andrew and Philip Society." Its object is to aid the pastor in bringing souls to Jesus, and every member who is least constrained to speak a word, in doing perfectly well, will be of great service.

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